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### Race Progress

NOTES ON RACIAL PROGRESS,  
AS REPORTED BY THE NA-  
TIONAL NEGRO BUSI-  
NESS LEAGUE

Another Negro bank has flung open its doors for business. It is "The Safety Banking and Realty Company" of Mobile, Alabama. The first day's deposits (January 8th) amounted to \$1,890.91. The bank has an authorized capital of \$50,000 with \$26,045 paid in.

Its president is Henry N. Newcome; cashier, James R. Knox; manager of the Real Estate Department, Wm. J. Robinson; stenographer, Miss Sarah J. Duncan. The bank will do business in its own quarters, a three-story brick building, 256 St. Michael Street, which the directors recently purchased.

Marion, Alabama, although a small town, is fortunate in having quite a number of thrifty, industrious and well-to-do business men and farmers. Some of those who are worthy of mention are Messrs. S. Daniel, Gilbert Jones, Charles Smiley, J. H. Key and Gus. Mitchell who are principally in the grocery business, carrying stock any where from \$500 to \$2,000. The leading merchants, however, are the Childs Bros., who are not only the proprietors of one of the largest groceries in the place, located on the main street in their own building, but they are also confectioners and own the only bakery in town. Twenty-five or thirty years ago their father started the latter business, and the sons have continued it ever since, without any competition. They likewise run a truck patch, of two acres, from which they sold \$500 worth of plants last spring and \$500 worth of cabbage this fall besides other garden products.

Some of the other thrifty and well-to-do farmers are Messrs. Edward Wedgeworth, Summit Anderson, Edward Towns and Orange Benson, who manage from 100 to 150 acres yearly.

H. B. Davis is the proprietor of a cafe for whites. It is very popular and well patronized. He has been in the business for over thirty years and has made money at it.

John Williams is a large brick manufacturer, having years of experience, by means of which he has prospered.

Wm. M. Alston has been for over fourteen years instructor in the Mechanical Department of the Orphan Home for white children, located at Oxford, N. C. The Home is the property of the Grand Lodge of white Masons of the State. The Legislature usually appropriates \$10,000 for its maintenance annually. There are about 335 pupils of both sexes in the orphanage—125 of whom are boys. Mr. Alston teaches the latter how to make sash, doors, blinds, and build stairways. He is the only colored person employed therein such a capacity.

More than once, efforts have been made to displace him for a white man; but on account of his services being so satisfactory, the authorities of the institution have persistently refused to need the entreaties of the petitioners, or to be influenced by the demands of the prejudiced.

The Silk Manufacturing Company of Rock Mount, N. C., incorporated with an authorized capital of \$50,000, began business, November 15, 1909. It is the only Negro manufactory in the world on so extensive a plan of operation. The work is done in a four-story wooden building with a frontage of 40 feet and a depth of 150.

On the first floor is the silk factory; the second and third, cotton; on the fourth, there is an evolution of the raw material into the finished products, such as overalls, jackets, aprons and the like.

The operatives in this factory are two or three hundred boys and girls whose ages range from 10 to 15 years, together with a goodly number of young women. The officers of the company are, T. W. Thurston, president; O. J. Pittman, vice president; C. F. Rich, secretary and attorney; S. M. Young, treasurer; F.

W. Davis, president of the Board. The president and founder, T. W. Thurston, was once manager of the silk mills now in successful operation at Fayetteville and Kinston, N. C., in which there are from 600 to 700 little colored boys and girls skillfully and carefully manipulating the delicate skeins of silk, as they spin around the thousands of bobbins and pass over hundreds of looms. The owners of these mills are Northern white men of New Jersey, but they are run entirely by colored help. The silk and cotton mill of Rocky Mount, however, is altogether owned and operated by Negroes.

R. L. Kearney of Greenville, N. C., is another member of the race, who has demonstrated the fact, that the Negro can do things like other people. He is the inventor of a patented improvement in plows.

It is a boltless combination plow. The work of three plows is accomplished in one. A cotton plow with double front points and shares or wings, sweep and half sweeps of various shapes and sizes, best adapting them to all stages of growing crops. It has also a complete set of castings which constitute a turning plow with three sizes of wings, the smallest making it suitable for breaking very hard or rough land. All parts are changeable. The position of handles and beam may be changed to suit the requirement. Only one stock, beam and handles are required, and upon these may be fitted any shape or size castings to meet the demands of the work at hand.

#### DEATH OF ED. BROCKENBOUGH

Life has its happiness, gayeties and pleasures—death, its sorrow, sadness, mourning. Mr. Edwin Brockenbough, son of Mrs. Elizabeth and the late Detective Brockenbough, was buried last Sunday from the family residence on 9th street. Mr. Brockenbough was well known among the social set of this city, coming from one of the most prominent families. After graduating from the high school and attending Howard University, for a while, he enlisted in the army, and served in the Ninth Cavalry, where he made quite a record, having been stenographer in the Quarter Master's Department while in the Philippine Islands. On account of the severe heat there his health commenced failing. He had been sick for a long while, but was confined to his bed only two weeks. So his death was quite a shock to his friends. While in Chicago Mr. Brockenbough married a charming young widow from Texas, who was devoted to him.

He will be missed by his many friends, and associates who were devoted to him.

#### PROHIBITION PASTOR FOUND GUILTY

Ottawa, Kan., Jan. 8.—Rev. William Stuckey, the ex-minister of Williamsburg, who has been on trial here, charged with abducting Lorena Sutherland, a member of his congregation, sixteen years of age, was found guilty today.

Stuckey was convicted on both charges—that of abducting the girl for his own immoral purposes, and of abducting her for "white slave" purposes. The penalty is from one to five years on each count. Stuckey, besides being pastor of a church at Williamsburg, was also editor of a prohibition newspaper. Lorena Sutherland worked upon it, and was a member of his congregation.

They were arrested at Waukegan, Ill., where they were found living together, last summer. They also had lived in Chicago.

The Tuskegee Negro Farmers' Conference which convenes next Wednesday, will be attended by the best farmers from many sections of the South. Mr. Rakestraw expects ten thousand delegates. A big, old fashion barbecue will be given the farmers in the new one hundred and fifty thousand dollar dining hall on the Normal school campus. Garden seeds and important literature are to be handed out free.



COMMISSIONER CUNE H. RUDOLPH  
One of the New Commissioners of

### Liberia Grateful

#### MARYLAND COUNTY MEETING

Resolutions Passed by the Citizens of Maryland County in the Republic of Liberia (Nov. 8.) in a General Citizens' Meeting.  
(From the African League)

Whereas, the people of Liberia, at the called session of the Legislature advance fifteen (15) strong propositions to the American Government through their Commissioners sent out to investigate the condition of affairs in this country; and

Whereas, the sentiments expressed by the leading papers of the U. S. of America show that the popular feeling of the American people is in favor of the American Government doing all it can for Liberia; therefore

Resolved: 1. That the people of Maryland County most earnestly request the National Legislature to endorse all things coming from the United States Government in keeping with the aforesaid propositions.

Resolved 2. That the citizens in the various counties of the Republic are most urgently requested to have their meetings and to signify their Ex-President G. W. Gibson, chairman of the Liberian Commission to America in 1908—the Commission that called forth the paternal care of the United States towards Liberia, and has the whole country looking expectantly to that great country for relief, at present.

#### "TO PREACH TO THE GIRLS AT THE TRAINING SCHOOL

January  
1st Sunday, Rev. Geo. W. Lee.  
2nd Sunday, Rev. A. J. Tyler.  
3rd Sunday, Rev. Aquilla Sayles.  
4th Sunday, Gordon.  
5th Sunday, I. N. Ross.

February  
1st Sunday, Rev. W. A. Wilbanks.  
2nd Sunday, Rev. Edgar Ricks.  
3rd Sunday, Rev. W. J. Howard.  
4th Sunday, Rev. J. I. Loving.

March  
1st Sunday, Rev. Wm. D. Jarvis.  
2nd Sunday, Rev. Jas. Lee.  
3rd Sunday, Rev. J. Milton Waldron.  
4th Sunday, Rev. Walter H. Brooks.

Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30, religious services are held in the Chapel of the National Training School for Women and Girls, at Lincoln Heights. You are cordially invited to attend these services. Special Music. Takke the H Street car, and at the White House Station, transfer to the District Line. Get off at Lincoln.

Read the Bee if you want a live paper.

### BALTIMORE, MD.

#### NEGRO DISFRANCHISEMENT—DEMOCRATS DESPERATE—

\$40,000 GIVEN TO COLORED INSTITUTIONS—MISS CUMMINGS MARRIED—MINISTER LYONS IN TOWN  
Baltimore, Md., Jan. 19.—William L. Marbury, a Democratic attorney of this city, is out with a bold proposition to disfranchise the colored voters of this State as such. He states that it is his belief that the Fifteenth Amendment was never legally adopted.

Dr. Lyons Returned  
Ernest Lyons, United States Minister to Liberia, who returned a few days ago from Tuskegee Institute, where he, Dr. Booker T. Washington and Bishop I. B. Scott had a conference regarding the educational records of Liberia, states that a normal and industrial school modeled on Tuskegee lines will be established in Liberia.

"The establishment of such a school," says Minister Lyon, "under the guidance of Tuskegee Institute will be unestimable benefit to the Liberians."

Minister Lyon, who is in this country on a furlough, is now awaiting instructions from the Department of State regarding the attitude of this government toward Liberia.

The Board of State Aid and Charities has recommended that \$40,000 be given by the Legislature to various colored charitable institutions during the next two years. This includes \$3,000 for Provident Hospital in this city.

Miss Estella Cummings, a sister of City Councilman Harry S. Cummings, and Mr. Joseph C. Fennell were married at Metropolitan M. E. Church last Wednesday night.

City Councilman Harry S. Cummings is recovering from an attack of neuralgia.

#### BLUE LODGES

Now that the masters of the several lodges have assumed the reins of government in the lodges, and that they may be well informed as to their several duties and be made familiar with the general law governing the craft, and get the true interpretation so as to be informed in all their works, I will suggest that they come together and recognize the Masters' Association, organized and maintained while Bro. L. G. Fletcher and O. E. McNeal were living, and which done such good work to help the masters of the lodges by having the grand lecturer meet with them and explain the law to them; they could meet at different homes once or twice a week.

For a man may be a good ritualist but be ignorant as to the Masonic law, and it is the law that the mas-

ter wants to be familiar with and this can only be learned by coming together and having it explained by one that is competent and well versed in the law as the grand lecturer should be.

The annual meeting of the Masonic Veteran Association held on Sunday, Jan. 2nd, the following officers were elected.

W. H. Grimshaw, President.  
John A. Gray, 1st Vice President.  
John Brooks, 2nd Vice President.  
James O. Bampfild, Secretary.  
W. H. Judd Malvin, Treasurer.  
James H. Hill, Chaplain.  
John O. Minor.  
J. H. Mitchell, Sr. Steward.  
J. H. Hughes, Jr. Steward.  
L. C. Curley, Marshall.

It was decided to have the annual dinner during the month of March and a committee was appointed to look after the matter.

At the regular meeting of Datchur Court No. 3, H. of J., Sister Anna Freeman was made a honorary member for life.

#### O. E. S.

The funeral of Hon. Lady Alice Simmons, of Queen Esther Chapter, who departed this life on January 4, at her residence, 1739 L street, N. W., after an illness of 6 weeks, took place from Plymouth Church, cor. 17th and P. n. w., Saturday, January 8th, at 2 p. m., and was largely attended by members of the order, and many friends.

Rev. Dr. Garner, pastor in charge officiated. He paid a very feeling tribute to the character and memory of Lady Simmons. She was the widow of the late Sir Kt. Arthur Simmons, who was employed so long at the White House. She leaves 7 children, 13 grandchildren, and a host of friends to mourn their loss. The Pilgrimage Committee of Gethsemane Commandery No. 3, will give a grand reception at the new Auditorium, on Wednesday, February 16, 1910.

#### O. E. S.

The annual communication of the Grand Chapter of O. E. S., the officers of Sheba Chapter will open Undine Chapter No. 300, and will exemplify the secrets of King Solomon for the edification of the Grand Chapter.

#### PLENTY TO DRINK IN SOUTH

Prohibition Effective Only for Negroes, Says Reverend Haywood

New York, Jan. 9.—Preaching on "The Failure of Prohibition," the Rev. Oscar Haywood gave his impressions of prohibition in the South: "I saw no signs on a recent tour," said Doctor Haywood, "that drunkenness is diminishing, except among the Negroes. I did not see a drunken Negro, but little evidences of drinking among them. I should say that, under Southern prohibition, drink is the white man's vice."

"The law is doing what it was intended to do—protecting the Negro; but it is administered by those who claim the right to violate it."

Doctor Haywood paid tribute to the motives behind the prohibition movement in the South. It looked to social reformation, he said, and was marked by many instances of noble, voluntary renunciation.

#### THEY SAY

Register Vernon sleeps soundly. That Oliver Randolph has a pleasant smile that won't come off. That Jerome A. Johnson is one of the F. F. V's of Washington. That Bill Mayes knows a thing or two.

That Dr. L. H. Harris is still on top.

That the Board of Education will turn something over in a few days. That Miss Patterson is to be reinstated to her former position.

That Dorothy Dare will come from under cover. That Judge Middleton will give everybody a square deal.

That the Personal Liberty League will increase its membership to ten more thousand.

That C. C. Curtis is a hunter.

The Bee leads and all other papers follow.

### PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

Miss Gonia B. Maxfield

It is said the battle ship *Utah*, 521 feet long, 88 feet deep, is the largest warship in the American Navy.

Mr. R. Nichols, owns 600 acres of fine farming lands, operates 11-horse farm and looks after the interest of 13 families who cultivate his soil. He is said to be the most prosperous colored citizen of Chattooga County, North Ga.

Governor Haskell has appointed a colored woman, Miss Minnie A. Tuley, Notary Public at Muskogee, Okla.

The first colored woman to begin regular practice in dentistry was Gertrude E. Curtis of Bradford, Pa., who graduated from the Philadelphia Dental School with high honors.

The first concrete pier on the Pacific Coast, has been completed recently. Extending in a straight line 1,600 feet out into the Pacific Ocean, this is the latest example in wharf construction at Santa Monica, and is said to be the largest in the world.

When the United States formally occupied Porto Rico, which consists of 10 islands, only about 15 per cent. of the people could read and write. Now, the per centage has increased to between 25 and 30, and about 1,700 public schools.

The United States used last year, four thousand cords of wood in the manufacture of paper. The increase has been doubled in ten years.

It is said the French Government has purchased another one of Tanner's pictures for its national galleries. It will be remembered that Henry Ossawa Tanner, is a colored American by birth.

It is said a letter has been sent to President Taft by Dr. Wm. A. Sinclair, President, and N. F. Mossell, secretary of the Constitutional League, relative to "Jim Crowism" in the navy.

Mrs. Julia Hanley, who died the last Monday in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the age of 111 years, was a slave on the Beecher plantation, and was brought to Cincinnati by Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe from which it is said the famous author obtained much of her material for "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Dr. John Shannon, pastor of the Metropolitan Memorial M. E. Church, said: "There is now one divorce to every twelve marriages in the United States. The divorce rate is increasing to such an extent that our country leads in the ratio of divorces to marriages. We abhor the polygamy of Mohammedan, Syria, but we have to recognize the fact that there is a progressive polygamy practice today in certain portions of American society."

It is said that Arthur E. C. Middleton, who has been selected by President Taft as judge of the Police Court to succeed Judge Kimball, is well qualified for the position, and will make one of the best judges Washington has ever had, as he is an accomplished lawyer and in every respect qualified to discharge his duties.

Jack Johnson, the champion heavy weight, applied for a telephone for his home, and was given number, Douglas 1313. His friends are much disturbed that he should have accepted the number on account of the omen connected with it.

Insanity is increasing in New York State at the rate of 1,000 persons a year, said Miss Mary Clark, in addressing the State Charities Aid Association of which she is secretary. In October 1, 1909, there were 30,489 insane patients in fifteen hospitals.

For the first time in the history, the United States Government is to officially recognize the birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee. The Treasury Department has announced that orders have been issued to the collector of customs at Newport News, to close the custom house on Jan. 19, the anniversary of the birthday of the Confederate leader, Gen. Robert E. Lee.